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To: Commissioner Jeffrey Byron, Presiding Member
Commissioner James D. Boyd, Associate Member

Subject: **EL CENTRO UNIT 3 REPOWER PROJECT SMALL POWER PLANT
EXEMPTION (06-SPPE-2)**

FINAL INITIAL STUDY ERRATA

Attached are Errata to the Commission Staff's Final Initial Study issued on
November 30, 2006.

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FINAL INITIAL STUDY ERRATA – EL CENTRO UNIT 3 REPOWER PROJECT (06-SPPE-2)

AIR QUALITY

Condition of Exemption AQSC-7 is replaced with the following:

AQSC-7: The project owner shall surrender ~~6.40~~ 6.94 tons of NOx emission reduction credits (ERC), 9.62 tons of PM10 ERC, and ~~42.42~~ 42.62 tons of SOx ERC, prior to start of construction of the project.

Verification: (Unchanged)

WASTE MANAGEMENT

Condition of Exemption WASTE-4, page 18-6, is replaced with the following:

WASTE-4 The project owner shall ensure that a specific protocol for handling contaminated groundwater that may be produced during construction dewatering is ~~included in the NPDES permit~~ developed for the project prior to construction.

Verification: At least 30 days prior to the start of project site grading, the project owner shall provide the Energy Commission CPM verification from the CRBRWQCB that ~~the NPDES permit for the project includes a plan has been approved outlining a~~ specific protocol for handling contaminated water produced during project construction.

GENERAL CONDITIONS OF EXEMPTION

In the header **Post Certification Changes to the Energy Commission Decision**, page 19-6, delete the word "Certification" and replace with "Exemption."

The first paragraph under this heading is replaced with the following:

~~For the life of the project, Prior to project operation,~~ IID must provide written notification to the CPM when planning changes to the project description. Once the project is operating, any changes to the project description must go through the local agencies for review. When a proposed change affects the conditions of exemption, IID must file a petition for the change with the CPM. The petition must contain the following information:

ENERGY RESOURCES

Energy Requirements, page 6-3, the last paragraph is replaced with the following:

SoCal Gas will be able to continue firm service at the current level. Incremental supply to meet the larger than current power plant would have to be on an interruptible basis from SoCalGas unless SoCalGas expands its current pipeline capacity. SoCalGas could expand its system to provide firm transportation service to the larger power plant if the North Baja pipeline lateral for any reason is not built. To expand the capacity of the

Imperial Valley System by 15 mmcf to a total of 105 mmcf, 10 miles of 24 inch diameter pipeline would need to be installed parallel to the existing transmission system from Brawley, California to El Centro, California. The proposed North Baja pipeline extension would also be able to provide firm service to meet all the needs of the new power plant.

Pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Decisions D.02-11-073 and D.06-09-039, for local transmission capacity SoCalGas is obligated to meet firm noncore demand in a 1 in 10 year cold weather demand condition. For areas of the local transmission system that are constrained or expected to be constrained, firm capacity is awarded to noncore customers in open seasons. Expansion decisions are to be based both on open season results and traditional system planning.

Based on the results of the last open season, in which firm service requests were slightly prorated in the summer season, as well as new customer load coming online starting in 2007, absent other factors SoCalGas would expect to begin work on expanding capacity in the Imperial Valley very soon. However, as noted in IID's SPPE Application, IID has executed a Precedent Agreement with North Baja pipeline for a 46 mile lateral providing approximately 110 mmcf of pipeline capacity (as compared to SoCalGas' current total capacity in the Imperial Valley of 91 mmcf). If IID takes service for ECGS from North Baja, then no capacity expansion would be needed on the SoCalGas Imperial Valley System within SoCalGas' planning horizon. SoCalGas does not plan to undertake any expansion in the Imperial Valley before the outcome of the Precedent Agreement is resolved.

~~The proposed North Baja pipeline extension would also be able to provide firm service to meet all the needs of the new power plant.~~



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